

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MEETING JANUARY 14, 2003

Meeting recessed at 9:55 a.m. for the jail tour the board will go back into session at 11:00 a.m. for the board of corrections meeting. Discussion was held on the time for the board of corrections meetings and Arnold suggested moving them up to 10:00 a.m. instead of 11:00 a.m.

Recessed for jail tour.

Jail tour completed returned for the board of corrections meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Members present were Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Richard Hartman, Bob Humiston, Pamela Lancaster and Robert Rye. Bud Jeffries was absent. Also present was Corrections Director Dave Arnold.

Humiston made a motion and Eriksen seconded to go into a board of corrections meeting. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. with Hartman and Jeffries absent. Motion carried.

CORRECTIONS DIRECTORS REPORT – Corrections Director Dave Arnold was present and distributed the monthly statistical information to the board member. He stated that the last two months they booked in 662 people. The daily average is at 135 with 1,246 offenses, this averages about two offenses per person. The recap of the arrest stayed the same between the agencies. Arnold questioned if breakdown on the stats were percentages of people and Dave Arnold stated that they were actual numbers. Dave stated that the daily average is up from last year because there are more felony charges and longer jail sentences.

He stated that he had been contacted by three different firms to tour jail facilities. Lincoln Materials, Kitchel from Kansas City, and Trainer Architects. There are two fairly new facilities in Kansas that the board members could visit. Lancaster stated that the board needs to set the schedule for the tours. Dave stated that he does have dates of January 21, 22nd and the 29th for Johnson County Kansas facility when the board could view it. This would be a five-hour drive. Lancaster suggested making this a two-day tour. Dave will work on the dates for the tours and get the information to Stacey.

Dave introduced Keith Eden the manager for Rinker Materials, they have plants in Omaha, Grand Island and Platte Nebraska. Eden stated that they have 250 facilities across the county and sell 2.5 billion dollars in products per year. He talked last week with Connie Pfeifer, Assistant Corrections Director and was to bring this information to the county board. He works with county boards and unfortunately county jails are a booming business, counties have to shoulder a greater burden of detention. States will build a prison facility and two years later build another facility so they have the opportunity to practice the whole process. Counties cannot practice building county jails. Rinker Materials is a supplier and they just completed the Ramsey County facility in Minnesota. This was 650-bed facility with a total cost of 47 million. It was a jail, safety center and it also housed some of the courts. According to Minnesota State Statute they could not use the design build process. So they used a modified design build and it was built like a private company would build it. They established a guaranteed fixed price for the entire project and all the parties worked together to save money and complete it in a timely fashion.

Mr. Eden invited the county board to visit the facility in Ramsey County Minnesota and the new Nebraska State Prison in Tecumseh. Mr. Eden also offered pictures of the two facilities. Mr. Eden answered questions from the board member and offered to set up the tours.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m. The next meeting will be March 11, 2003.

Returned to the regular meeting. The meeting was recessed until 1:00 p.m. for the presentation from Bill Stoval.

Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk